TEEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

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Interesting Recollections of Days Gone By

At the beginning of a new year and century, what is more natural than that we indulge in a little retrospect. Especially is this true of one who is cut off from the living present by deafness, from the future by the knowledge that he has nearly reached the limit of life allotted him by the Psalmist; so, retrospect - the chief pleasure of the old - is his only comfort.

That pleasure is enhanced, however, by the fact that his early footsteps trod the soil made memorable by the name of Appomattox. The name is an Indian one, and was given to a stream that rises on the farm of Major J. W. Flood, passes a little north of the old courthouse near the spot at which General Lee's camp was pitched, flows near Farmville and Petersburg and unites with the James at City Point. This little stream has history at both ends - its source made memorable by the surrender of General Lee, its mouth by the corking up of Spoon Butler by General Beauregard. Appomattox is destined to go down in history along side of Waterloo. May I not hope then that some reminiscences of the famous village and the good people who lived thereabouts may be enjoyed by at least the descendants of those old people.

Before the county was formed, and when stageocaches were the chief means of travel, there was a stage stand near Clover Hill, where a change of horses took place and the tired traveler could find meals and lodging and possibly a toddy! The generation who lived near Clover Hill before my recollection were people of wealth and culture and lavish hospitality. Nearest the village were the Franciscoes, the Floods, Walkers, Duvals, Christians, Pattersons and others.

At the Francisco place, a gang of counterfeiters were detected with their tools concealed between the weather-boarding and the plastering.

At the now McKinney place, Susan Christian married the late John M. Walker. Her father, John Henry Christian, dropped dead the night of the wedding, and the joy of the occasion was turned into mourning.

On the old stage road leading from the old Courthouse to Lynchburg, were the Stathams (where the writer attended his first circus); The Robertsons, Old Mrs. John Plunkett, at the Spout. A little above, old Mr. Sam Glover - a bit pondorous in figure, but genial, kind and lovable in disposition, with a mighty sweet daughter, too, whose tracks in the road this writer used to cherish; whom he used to escort to her school every day, but could never summons the courage to give her the bodquet he longed to present, but would send it back to her by the girls he met the other way. Had she not been too modest to help a fellow out a little, who can say what might have happened?

A little further west was the Chilton's place.

At all of these places the stage coaches stopped. Travelers to and from the Springs in private carriages would stop at night. It was no unusual thing to see the stable yard full of vehicles and droves of hogs driven on foot from West Virignia, Kentucky and Tennessee, by the five hundred and one thousand in a drove. The music of the old stage horn sounded along the hills and valleys.

Among the later residents of the Old Courthouse was Daniel Isbell, long while an attorney for the Commonwealth. Warm-hearted, and genial, a better man never lived; with it he possessed a vein of wit-hand humor that made him a welcome guest in any home and the center of every circule. I was with him on one occason when he was calling on a lady, Miss Jennie Harris. A thunderstorm had come up and Miss Jennie was terribly afraid of lightening. She occupied a short sofa with Isbell. After a loud clap of thunder and a vivid flash of lightening she involuntarily sprang a bit nearer to Isbell. With his characteristic humor he replied. "Set much close, stick to me Miss Jennie; I am the best lightening rod you ever saw."

Then there was Oakville with its tall lombardy popular trees. This was the residence and store of the late Bryant Nowlin, the father of John, William C., and S. W. Nowlin. He always wore a claw-hemmer broadcloth coat and a beaver hat with a flowing wig. I can recall him as he attended court with his red leather saddle-bags filled with store accounts, swinging over his left arm and his right hand resting under the claw-hammer coattail.

A little northwest of Oakville stands the old Red Oak Church, Here the good Baptists for miles around assembled to ehar Old parson Sam Davidson preach.

It was with a feeling of sadness that last summer I drove over to my grandfather's old place. I stood at the door front and back, where the grass now comes to the steps and recalled my youthful visits there, when the space under the mulberry tree at the front and the grand old oak at the back door was a nice marble yard.

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We are entring upon the theshold of a new century. Will it be as big with events as the old? Will it see a Waterloo? An Appomattox?

Only time will tell.

ROCKS

APRIL 10 - Farmers are busy plowing and planting corn.

Perhaps with warmer summer weather, we'll all be feeling spryer.

Mrs. Abner Crawley, of Farmville, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ranson, of Pamplin, while her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ranson were on a trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shelton and others went to Tennessee Tuesday for the funeral of the former's stepfather.

Sympathy is extended them.

Mr. Leslie Scruggs returned home Tuesday from Southside Community Hospital Hope he will have a speedy recovery

Plan now for the Vacation Bible School Clinic on April 18 at Brookneal 7 to 9 p.m. and April 20 at Liberty. Hope more churches will attend this year than last.

Next Sunday is Cooperative Day. A special service will be held that night.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meadows, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday at Piney Ridge Church.

Rev. A. M. Taylor left Thursday for Davenport, Iowa to get Mrs. Taylor. They will be returning home on Saturday. So glad their new grandson is doing fine after being critically ill.

Rev. A. M. Taylor and evangelist, Rev. Al Griffin, had dinner in the following homes last week during the revival: Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Ranson on Sunday night; Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge on Monday night; Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ranson on Tuesday night; and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson on Wednesday night. Mrs. Al Griffin joined them on Wednesday night.

Sympathy is extended the Wooldridge family in the death of their loved one on Wednesday. Mrs. Randall H. Wooldridge. A large crowd attended the funeral on Friday morning.

Alec Rosser passed away at his home Saturday morning. Sympathy is extended his loved ones.

STONEWALL

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13.

Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Sr. went to Virginia Baptist Hospital Wednesday. She will have surgery this week.

Mr. Hugh Braford remains in critical condition at McGuire Hospital.

Mrs. Maude Braford, Mrs. Clara Staton and Mr. Jimmie Braford went to see Mr. Hugh Braford Sunday.

Mrs. Mabel Robertson and Mrs. Alice Smith visited Mrs. Minnie Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and Mrs. Bertha Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday.

The M.Y.F. of Salem had their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday night. We really did enjoy having them.

Mr. and Mrs. Oleish, Richard and Cleby Jones, Jill and Roger Walton were ones present. The hostess served cake and ice cream. All had a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trent, Rhonda and Dana spent the week end with Mr. Wallace Bondurant.

I hear wedding bells ringing, guess who?

The Hebron ladies served lunch to the Pastor's Conference Monday. There were about 35 present.

Rev. and Mrs. E. V. Mitchell had 4 of their friends from Albermarle County for dinner Sunday. They attended church services.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bradshaw of Richmond, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin over the week end. Randy is doing much better now.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ranson who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday.

A speedy recovery is wished Mary Ann Lewis who is in from a sprained ankle.

The pastor's conference will be held at Hebron Church Monday (today).

Richard Inge has returned from visiting his daughter, Dianne in California. She is much better.

Mr. Raymond Hamlett, Sr. is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital where he underwent surgery on Monday of this week.

Pastor Resigns

The Rev. Hoyt O. Tench has resigned as pastor of the Union and Antioch Baptist Churches in Buckingham County effective on June 30. He has been pastor there 3½ years.

He served two years as president of the James River Ministerial Conference, two years as Sunday School Director and one year and Director of Missions. He was in charge of the World Missions Conference held in James River last year.

He is chaplain of the Buckingham County Rescue Squad and also the Dillwyn Squad, also Chaplain of Toga Volunteer Fire Department.

Rev. Tench is moving back to his home in Marietta, Georgia. His address there will be: 3180 Shadyside Rd. S. W., Marietta, GA 30060

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Maps, drawings and other information concerning the proposed project are available for public review and copying in the Department of Highways and Transportation District Office located on Route 501 just south of Route 460 in Lynchburg, and in its Residency Office located on Route 1003 [Ferguson Street] just east of the N&W Railway Overpass in Appomattox.

Any interested citizen from the communities affected by this route may request that a Public Hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. T. E. Pittman, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, Appomattox, Virginia 24522, on or before May 5, 1978. In the event such a request is received, a further notice of the time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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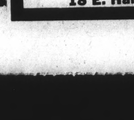

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When the Eighth Annual March of Dimes Walkathon begin at 7 a.m. last Saturday morning, Timmy Padgett, with a little help from his family and friends, wheeled along the entire 25-mile route to help others like himself. His mother, Mrs. Charles Padgett of Route 2, Concord, wheeled him for the first 5 miles and then friends took over to help Timmy do his part to help raise money for the March of Dimes.

Timmy, the 1978 Poster Child for the Central Virginia Chapter of March of Dimes, was born with an open spine. The youngest of six children, the sixth grader at Appomattox Elementary School has had 18 operations during his 11 years of life. His most recent operation, the correction of a spinal curve last November, left the youngster in a cast from his waist up to his neck.

Despite the heavy cast and braces on his legs, Timmy walked part of the 25-mile route then he got a little help along the way from members of the rescue squads, Marines and his mother, brother and sister who gave him a push every now and then.

Through the efforts of research, the March of Dimes and other such agencies, Timmy leads quite a normal life despite his disabilities. He hopes to finish his education in public schools and wants to participate in things that other children do. Although he is limited, he is still out there trying.

He faces at least one more operation but there is hope that he may someday walk like others. He has the will, he just needs the way.

Preliminary estimates show that Saturday's walk-a-thon sponsored by the Central Virginia Chapter of March of Dimes may have netted as much as $52,000.

There were approximately 2,200 walkers and three of them, at least three, were from Appomattox. Pat Hudson, Gay Foster and Pam Mays began the walk and were proud to have made it for 18 of the 25 miles.

DERWIN HARVEY WAS TEACHER of Social Studies Class on Student-Teach Day at the Appomattox Middle School.

JOANIE CANADA WAS SCHOOL NURSE at the Appomattox Middle School for Student-Teach Day held last week.

Student Teach Day At Appomattox Middle School

No, your eyes are not deceiving you. The principal, teachers, secretaries, counselors, and nurse were younger than usual on Wednesday, April 5, 1978, as the Appomattox Middle School staff and student body participated in Student Teach Day.

Student Teach Day was planned by the Student Cooperative Association as a part of National Student Government Week, April 4-10.

The objectives for this activity were to encourage student participation, improve communication skills, and experience career interests. Creating career awareness is also one of the objectives of the Title IV-C Career Guidance Program in the Appomattox County School system.

MRS. WALTER FERRELL NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT APPOMATTOX COUNTY HISTORICAL SOC.

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Claudine O'Brien and Mrs. Frances Cheatham.

Mr. Marcus Elcan, Jr., manager of Communications Programs at General Electric, Lynchburg, presented a program on historical writing. Mr. Elcan, former editor of the **Ironworker**, Lynchburg Foundry Publication, directed the primary focus of his slide illustrations to the Civil War and Appomattox Historical Heritage. Other areas covered were Jamestown Settlement, Spottsylvania and the Lewis and Clarke Expedition, Lady Nancy Astor and Richmond friends and Admiral Byrd.

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